

## BREVITY MARKS DE GRAW REPORT

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Breaks Own Record.

## DEVOTED TO RURAL ROUTES

Covers That Branch of Service, Making Suggestions and Giving Estimates.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General De Graw has broken the record held by himself for the shortest of a Government official's annual report.

The report, which was made public today, contains only fourteen pages. Mr. De Graw, in 1905, having written one in which seventeen pages were required. Mr. De Graw says the report could be held down still further were it not for the importance and demand for information on the subject of rural delivery.

The report covers the growth of the rural delivery service, county rural service, inspection of the existing service, conditions necessary to establishment rural mail boxes, roads, transportation of mail, rural carriers, the condition of work in division, the new rate of postage, and estimates for the year 1907-8.

## Mr. De Graw's Recommendations.

The recommendations of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General are:

"First. That legislation be enacted providing for the following conditions precedent to the establishment of rural delivery service: (a) That there shall be a possible patronage of 100 families on each standard route of twenty-four miles or a proportionate number of families on shorter routes; (b) that roads must be in good condition unobstructed by gates, with all streams bridged or fordable at all ordinary seasons of the year; (c) that in completing service in a county the average patronage per route may not be less than thirty families; and (d) that service on rural routes be limited to not exceeding one delivery and one collection daily, to be made at the same time.

"Second. That the maximum salary of rural carriers be increased so that they may be paid not exceeding \$300 per annum.

"Third. That rural carriers be given credit for experience on rural delivery service examination for appointment as clerks in postoffices or carriers in the city delivery service.

## Rural Route Merchandise.

"Fourth. That Congress fix a rate of 3 cents per pound, or any fractional part thereof, on books and merchandise sent exceeding 3 pounds in weight mailed at the distributing postoffice of any rural delivery route for delivery to a patron of said route, or mailed by a patron of any rural delivery route for delivery to a patron thereon at the distributing postoffice of said route. Such rate should apply only to packages transported on a rural delivery route to or from a patron of said route. The adoption of this recommendation should carry with it a repeal of the provision of law which permits rural carriers to carry merchandise for hire, or the modification so as to apply only to merchandise which is unmarketable under existing law.

"Fifth. That a fire-proof building be provided for the division of supplies.

"Sixth. That the existing statute (Rev. Stats. 2533) governing the disposal of inclosures of value found in letters and parcels which can be restored to owners be amended so that the annual sales of such matter the objectionable chance of lottery feature may be eliminated, which is desirable under present conditions. The bill of last session (H. R. 18333, 55 S. 5241) will, if enacted into law, accomplish the desired purpose.

## Removals for Embezzlement.

The number of carriers removed for cause during the past fiscal year was 75. Of this number 25 were removed for embezzlement, and 25 for other violations of the postal laws and regulations. The total number of removals for cause shows a decrease of 47 as compared with the preceding fiscal year. One hundred and seventy carriers were separated from the service by death. The resignations of 4,411 carriers were accepted during the year, about 12 per cent of the carriers in June 30, 1906, and an increase of 1,659 over the number accepted during the preceding fiscal year. This is the greatest number of carriers resigning in any one year in the history of the service, being 15 more than in 1904, when 11 per cent of the carriers resigned.

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## THREW HER DRESS INTO THE STREET

Mrs. Bennett Being Held Pending Mental Examination.

Mrs. Sarah Bennett, fifty-two years old, who was taken from her boarding place, 34 Jefferson street, Anacostia, to police substation yesterday afternoon, is being held at the House of Detention, and a further examination of her mental condition will be made today.

Mrs. Bennett had been acting strangely for several days, and Mrs. Spicer, with whom she boarded, suspected she was deranged. Mrs. Spicer turned her over to the police, and yesterday a commitment to St. Elizabeth's was signed by one of the police surgeons. As it is necessary to have the paper signed by two physicians she is being held until an examination has been made by one of the other surgeons.

Mrs. Spicer stated that Mrs. Bennett had been tearing her clothes up and throwing them out of the window into the street, and that yesterday morning she acted so strangely that she was afraid to have her in the house any longer.

## JOAQUIN MILLER SEES PRESIDENT

Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras," looking with his white beard like a patriarch of old, but with a step as springy as any young man of twenty, called at the White House this afternoon to interest the President in a plan for a great world's fair for Washington in the year 1914. He wants to celebrate the anniversary of the burning of the Capitol by the holding of a celebration that will make the Chicago and St. Louis attempts look like an Indian puppet-show which is 30 cents. The President was too busy to discuss the scheme, but assured the poet that he would read the pamphlet that he left for him and would give it his most careful attention.

## THIRD MUSICAL BY SAENGERBUND

The third musical entertainment of the Washington Saengerbund this season took place Sunday evening in the Kund Hall before an audience which filled every available inch of space. An interesting program was delightfully given. Miss Anella B. Fisher, soprano, was the bright and particular star. She sang Del Aquas' "Chanson Provencale," which made a tremendous hit, and the audiences of the Saengerbund are very discriminating. Miss Fisher sang with splendid, even, clear tones, and most artistic finish. She not only gave the song a splendid rendition, but a good interpretation. For an encore she sang Bohm's "In Thy Blue Eyes."

Mrs. William T. Reed, the new contralto soloist in the choir of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, sang Granier's "Hosanna," and for an enthusiastic recall gave an excellent rendering of Bohm's "Still we die Nacht." She was in good voice and sang delightfully. Herndon Morsell, the well-known tenor, who is too seldom heard in public, was also in good voice and gave an artistic rendition of Chaminade's "Once More," and in response to the demand for more sang Nevin's "The Rosary" very effectively.

Norman Daly displayed his gifts as a pianist in MacDowell's "Scotch Poem," which was so much enjoyed that he was obliged to play again, and gave another of this eminent American's compositions, "Water Lily," which he played with beautiful sentiment and finish. Thomas A. Murray was the basso of the evening and sang the prologue from "Il Pagliaccio" and the encore "Down Among the Dead Men."

Mr. Xander, musical director of the Saengerbund, played the accompaniments with delightful skill and sympathy.

"A small hurt in the eye is a great one," and a small leak in the purse may grow into a ruinous one. Purse-whole people read the ads.

## G. W. U. SUGGESTED PRESIDENT'S NAME

One of Earliest to Recommend Roosevelt for Nobel Peace Prize.

Washington not only furnished the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, but also was the place from which emanated one of the earliest suggestions that the President's work in bringing about peace between Russia and Japan should be recognized in that way.

The President's Council of George Washington University, under date of January 6, 1906, nominated, in a letter addressed to the Comité Nobel Norvegien, of Norway, His Excellency the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize to be awarded in the year 1906.

## ST. PAUL'S NE WLINE TO THE PACIFIC COAST

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The first official announcement concerning the route to be taken by the new Pacific coast line of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad is embodied in a statement just issued by the officers of the road here.

The new line, it is estimated, will be about 2,000 miles in length, and it is expected that it will be completed as far as Butte, Mont., by January 1, 1908, and that trains will be in operation over the entire line one year later.

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## CHEVY CHASE CLUB TO SEND DELEGATE

Local Organization Will Be Represented at Chicago Convention.

The board of governors of the Chevy Chase Club will meet some time in January to select a delegate who shall represent the local organization at the National Golf Association Congress which convenes in Chicago a few weeks later.

As has always been the rule heretofore, the man who is chosen will be one who can most conveniently make the trip at that time, preferably some one who has contemplated going out West, since the delegate will stand all expenses.

## Don't Want Tournaments.

As far as the Chevy Chase Club is concerned, it is not likely that Washington will make a bid for any of the 1907 tournaments at the Chicago convention. Last year a bid was made for the women's championships and it was awarded, but the board of governors was late in holding a meeting to decide as to whether they should formally accept it or not and the opportunity was lost. It is thought that the club would have rejected, however, as it is no small expense to an organization to hold a tournament, the cost being something over \$1,000 above the amount donated by the National Association.

Note that will be of interest to not only members of the club but to many Washington enthusiasts of the game is that W. R. Tuckerman has offered a handsome prize to be contested for under the following conditions: Beginning with January 1 the sixteen members who hand in the lowest gross scores from that date until April 1, to qualify for one round of match play each week, the latter to be played off every Saturday until completed. This is open to members only.

## FIRE PLUG WANTED BY DISTRICT SUBURBS

Officers of the East Washington Citizens' Association were elected last night as follows: President, H. A. Buscher; first vice president, G. H. Judd; second vice president, A. N. Meloy; third vice president, A. G. Thurm; fourth vice president, J. H. Harris; secretary, D. G. Fountain; and treasurer, C. L. Jenkins.

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session and was held in the Baptist Church on Bowen road. After the election a committee was appointed to confer with the Congress Heights Citizens' Association which meets tonight to secure its assistance in having the water system extended to these suburbs, which it was stated are practically without water for fire protection.

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